(b) by what percentage the raw silk production in the country will increase as a result thereof;

(c) the percentage of raw silk demand at present met from indigenous production; and

(d) what efforts have been made by Government so far in the field of research and development of sericulture and its extension activity in the country and what are the results achieved?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) As compared to the position at the end of VIth Plan, the targets set for Seventh Plan envisage increase of 28.12 per cent in the area under mulberry cultivation and 44.74 per cent in mulberry silk production. It is estimated that these targets will be achieved.

(c) It is estimated that at present about 80 per cent of the demand of raw silk is met from indigenous production.

(d) In order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments so encourage the development of the silk industry, the Central Silk Board has established the following major units in the country for R & D and Extension support:

(i) 3 Central Sericulture Research & Training Institute.

(ii) 1 Central Technological Research and Training Institute.

(iii) 15 Regional Sericulture Research Stations.

(iv) 64 Research & Extension Centres.

(v) 21 Silkworm Seed Production Centres under the National Silkworm Seed Project.

As a result of research achievement in a span of ten years average per hectare productivity of raw silk has increased from 25 Kgs to 32.5 Kgs. In addition, the renditta has been cut down from 17 to 10, that is; 10 Kgs. of cocoons produces one Kg. of raw silk as compared to 17 Kgs. of cocoons producing 1 Kg. of Silk earlier.

Nationalisation of Scindia Steam Navigation Company

768. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have under their consideration a proposal for the nationalisation of the Scindia Steam Navigation Company as reported in the Economic Times, New Delhi of the 8th January, 1988;

(b) whether the study by the Ministry on this issue has been completed; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter regarding the future of Scindia Steam Navigation Company Ltd. is receiving attention of Government.

Central Trade Service

769. SHRI M. KADHARSHA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Trade Service, whose officers are manning the various Offices under the Office of the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports, is an Organised Group 'A' Service;

(b) whether the said Service was constituted under the C.T.S. Rules, 1977;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Cadres of Organised Group 'A' Services are reviewed after every three years;

(d) if so, whether any review of the C.T.S. Cadre has been done so far since its constitution;

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(f) by when a review is likely to be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) So far, no cadre review of the Central Trade Service has been done.

(e) and (f) The cadre review of the Service has been initiated in consultation with the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports.

CBI raid in NDMC Administrator's Office

770. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Bureau of Investigation raided the office of NDMC Administrator in the first week of January, 1987;

(b) if so, whether any incriminating documents were seized during the raid; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The search was conducted to look into the allegations relating to the irregular issue of permission for the construction of a building at No. 15, Prithvi Raj Road, New Delhi. During the course of search, relevant files/documents were seized.

CAG Report on the working of Central Government

771. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India reports on the working of the Central Government;

(b) whether the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India has also the authority to report on the public sector undertakings which work under Central control;

(c) whether it has also the authority to report on the working of the societies formed with Central Government funds (duly registered under the Societies Registration Act);

(d) if so, whether any reports have been issued by the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India on public sector undertaking, Railways, Posts and Telegraphs and societies, etc. and the details thereof; and

(e) if not, whether there is any proposal to bring them under the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India for periodical reporting on their working?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b)